

SATURDAY, SEPT. 15 1900

IN CALICO.

They've sung the song of the girl in pink.
And the song of the girl in white, But the singers are few who have praised

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the true
Goddess of love and light;
The household fairy whom we all know,
And knowing her love her better so—
The girl in the garment of calico,
Dainty and sweet and bright.

The bloom of her cheeks, the light in her

eyes, Are her beauty and title of health; And day after day in a modest way Her neatness is better than wealth. Old-fashloned? Yes, and we wish her so, For just like her mother in callco, With the gentle traits of the years ago, She's taken our hearts by stealth.

Bo, in a nectar of roses I pledge Our dear girls in pink and in white; To their eyes and their hair and their ways

debonair
I offer my homage to-night:
Yet, deep in my heart I feel and know,
A lottier feeling continues to grow
For the girl in the wrapper of calico, Dainty and sweet and bright.

John H. Braceland, in N. Y. Sun.

The Truth About Tobias δοοφοσοσοσοσοσοσοσοσο

T TOOK Hanera quite a time to find out the truth about Tobias. Not that Tobias could ordinarily be considered a mysterious individual. Indeed, he was precisely the reverse. From the cool dawn hour in which he arose to go forth and drive the team for Twist & Taffeta, of which firm he was trusted collector, until his return at 6:30 to the modest flat where his sister-and supper-awaited him, his life was a clean and commonplace page, spread wide for every casual of interested glance. His nights, if less exposed to the arc lights of public scrutiny, might as well have been so. For, after eating heartily of the food Hanora had prepared, and referring to the same in admiring terms, he was wont to remove his shoes as unnecessary impedimenta, place his feet in their well-darned hose upon the chair "beyant," light his pipe, drink the sol-itary bottle of beer which Hanora permitted him, and read the mighty accumulation of both morning and evening papers until the autocratic spinster who ruled his abode suggested "a decade," and turned the lamp low by way of a gentle but quite sufficient

hint.

Tobias was 40-plus five. He had s brickdust skin, pale brows, a pugnacious nose, and a smile of such sudden. suffusing, apologetic radiance it explained his love for his fellow-men-in general and for Hanora in particular. Indeed, his was the only love that had ever come Hanora's way. She had never been guilty of that form of highway robbery known as coquetry. Not that she was unsophisticated. She knew that a woman quick of perception and adroit of finger may appropriate the purse of one who walks her way and suffers incarceration. And she knew only goes free in the sight of the law, but glories if she will in her guile and in the magnitude of her deeds. Whether the bonds of inopportunity had shackled Hanora Ryan or whether she had preferred maiden triumph to the exultation of matronhood deponent sayeth not. Anyhow, to get back to the truth about Tobias. On one memorable midsummer eve he devoured lemon pie without protest. Hanora knew he loathed lemon pie. On the following morning he meekly ate the French toast she set before him, instead of his regulation potato and rasher. This was her second test. For Tobias had frankly declared only two weeks ago that he would eat no more French, or Flemish, or-no, begorrah-Boer toast, that was made of stale bread dipped in egg and fried! So there! She began to feel suspicious. He was a good brother, but alarmingly docile when presented with viands for which he possessed an aversion.

She was like the parrot which its owner declared "said little but done a devil of a heap of thinkin'!" She thought a good deal in those days. When Tobias suggested bringing a friend home with him to dinner she thought more than ever, albeit she possibly said

"To be bringin' a man here for male!" quoth she. "What kind of a man might he be, now, Tobias?"

"Sthraight as they make 'em!" promptly responded Tobias. "He drives the 'rush' bus. He's a good wan. He'd relish one of your raspberry rollsthat he would, Hanora!" Hanora blushed in a wintry sunset sort of way and said he might bring his

friend. He did bring his friend. And-to tell the truth-Hanora looked exceedingly well. She had given her black silk skirt a "dip." whatever that mysterious phraseology may mean. And she wore with this a shirt waist of softest lawn, which she had bought at quite an absurd figure because it was one of the smallest sizes. This she had duly and delicately laundered. Not

"The household art was the only dower She would bring for a gift to him she wed."

But the household art shone up in Never, thought treacherous Tobias. such a sister, and if it were not for deception which made him temporarily oblivious of the merits of the rasp- the year. berry roll.

"You ain't eat a bite!" avowed

Tobias made a sweeping gesture across his Adam's apple. "Clear to here!" he declared, with delicious mendacity.

After supper they went into the partor. Hanors played on the organ- present."-Chicago Times-Herald.

yes, and sang, too, in a sweet, thin little voice. She sang "The Meeting of the Waters" and "The Kerry Dancing" and the "Wearing of the Green." No rag time for Hanora.

"She's a jewell" commented Dennis Maguire, addressing Tobias Ryan, when they parted on the sidewalk. "Ain't-ain't"-timidly, "there any

wan a-coortin'!" "Nivir a wan!" returned Tobias.

He felt so guilty upon his return he could hardly make the proper responses to the "decade" which Hanora was "giving out." He did not come home until ten o'clock the following night-nor yet the next. He explained his absence by mysterious allusions to "caucuses" and "primaries," thereby soothing Hanora and stultifying his conscience. It was not until Hanera found a rose in the buttonhole of his coat one morning and a little lace trimmed handkerchief in his pocket that her direst doubts were aroused.

But even these Tobias explained away. "Sure the flower cost nothin', Hanora. "Twas from a bush I was passin', And the handkerchief was on the sidewalk. I thought belike you could

make use of it." He was rapidly becoming a beautiful liar.

A week later he refused to go out with Hanora and Dennis on account of the night being damp. He had rheumatism, he said. So his sister rheumatism, he said. So his sister and his friend went to the theater and Tobias settled himself to the composition of a long and fervent letter, the accomplishment of which necestary to the crystal rivers which by the accomplishment of which necestary to the crystal rivers which by the accomplishment of which necestary to the crystal rivers which by sitated frequent reference to the pocket dictionary he had bought for this purpose. To make a long story short -and it was not such a long story when all was said-Hanora married Dennis Maguire. Tobias was desolate
—disconsolate. He might go to live with them. Dennis had won a treasure. Yes, he might go to live with them after awhile. For the present he would take his meals at a restaurant until sure what could be done with the furniture-and so on.

All through her wedding journey, which lasted full three weeks, it troubled Mrs. Maguire to determine what was the matter with Tobias She told her new made lord all about



"I AM HIS SISTER," SHE SAID.

his evening absences, his mild acceptance of distasteful viands, his abrupt and eager hospitality toward Denniseven about the rose and handkerchief. It was not until she had returned to Chicago and went out to the flat where had been passed her years of mature maidenhood toat she really discovered the truth about Tobias.

For the flat into which she let herself with her latchkey was altered, decorated, illumined. There were cur- ters. When not troubled or thwarted, also that one who possesses herself of tains of rosy swissoline at the winthe table. A canary sang in a gilded cage, and-what is that? A parasol in the corner-a hat on the sewing machine! Such a frivolous hat-all chiffon and daisies! Hanora turned quite faint. Could Tobias-

"O," cried a radiant little creature fluttering out of one of the Pullman ear apartments which serve as bedrooms in the modren flat, "I did not know anyone was here. Take this chair. You are Mrs. Larch, I know. Tobias said the wife of his friend in the shipping department would call. We are not really fully settled yet. Our wedding was quite a surprise to our friends, but really we had been considering it for some time. I was in the ribbons, you know, and became acquainted with Mr. Ryan while at the store. But it seems he had an old maid sister living with him, and having a girl's natural distaste for relations-in-law-though doubtless some of them are kind enough, I suggested to Tobias that it would be better to marry her off if possible before-why -what-"

For Mrs. Dennis Maguire had risen in aghast and stately discomposure. "I am his sister," she said.

"Dear, O dear! I'm so sorry! didn't know-nor suspect-I wish I had kept still! Take off your things! Stay to supper! There-there! You're sweet as you can be-and I'll love you if you let me-indeed, I will."-Chicago Tribune.

Gift to Eronje from Russians. The piece of plate subscribed for by 29,000 Russians to be given to Gen. Cronje is surmounted by a picturesque group representing a mounted Boer vedette, with rifle on thigh, standing on the lookout on the summit of a steep crag made of a block of porphyry. hand, and both friends glared angrily and shows a woman kneeling behind cover and firing a rifle. A young boy half hides behind the woman. The stand is oval in form, measuring 28 by 21 inches, and is of solid silver, richly enameled. The whole piece is three feet in height.

Our Annual Water Supply. The average annual total of water which falls as rain or snow in the resplendence on that particular night. United States is 1,407 cubic miles. This amount of rain would more than twice similar package. with a glow at his heart, had any man fill Lake Ontario. To raise this water to the clouds from which it fell would the-here he broke off in an agony of require the work of 500,000,000 horses working ten hours a day throughout

> A Thoroughbred. "Yes, she's well bred. There's no doubt about that."

"She has always seemed to be." "Why, her little brother tells me that she cats her pie with a fork even when only members of the family are

DAINTY LITTLE FLOWER.

Little flower, little flower, blest with beauty as thy dower.

Sending fragrant incense heavenward in the quiet twilight hour.

Full of tender fragile grace, sweet of odor and of face.

Like a morsel of Heaven's purity set in an actible place.

earthly place,

tints which giow and burn.
In thy petalled altar kindled, as within a sacred urn,
For they speak of good and God, prints of
beauty on the sod,
Marking with Heaven's light and color
where His kindly footsteps trod.

We poor mortals much may learn from the

How thy willing heart distills scent the world with fragrance fills,
Though no eye but God's may see thee in
the fastness of thy bills;
Or in some neglected gien hidden from the

cyes of men,
But thy worship is but sweeter and com-pleter offered then.

Modest, beautiful and shy, often born to Or in crushed and bruised forgetfulness un-

heeded there to lie, Never murmur or complaint though thy fragrant breath grow faint, But a mournful resignation as becomes an humble saint.

All the hills are diademed, all the vales and forests gemmed,
All the meadows with thy beauty well
adorned and widely hemmed, Thou a thing of heavenly birth springing

upward from the earth,
Where thy gentle smile illumes its ills and
mitigates its dearth. Much may mortals learn from thee of what

heavenly mansions flow.
I. EDGAR JONES.

tireatest tiame of Poker

Fathers, Sons and Grandsons Played It for Half a Century.

HE two men approached the card table reluctantly, without that eagerness shown by most persons about to sit into a game of poker. These men seemed burdened almost by the famous "weight of centuries" that M. Millet and Mr. Markham exploited with so much sorrow and profit. After they had sat down, they did not take up any pack of cards. Though there were no cards on the table, they began to bet, sadly, as if their hearts were not in what should have been a pleasure to both though a profit to only one.

"I raise you one cent," sighed John Oxheart, the third of that name. And his friend said, gloomily:

"I see you and go you one better." "I raise you the limit," remarked Oxheart, and George Flint the third again replied: "I see your raise and raise you all

the way." So the game went on until ten bets had been made. In one corner of the room sat an intelligent stenographer, who in an old-fashioned notebook had been taking down each bet as it was made. He now closed the notebook laid it on the table, and retired.

Thirty-six years ago Col. John Ox heart, of the Ninety-seventh Virginia, fell at the head of his men on that bloody field of - Every student of American history knows full well the battle to which the writer refers. By his side fell Lieut. Col. Flint. Their deaths ended the first act of the comedy that became almost a tragedy Eight years earlier, in 1856, these two gallant Virginia men had met at a friendly game of cut-throat poker. animals. Thousands and thousands of its holder. slaves had these gentlemen struck down, maimed, dying, even dead, when angered by some trivial fault. Each had only one son surviving out of large families, the wives and other chilcline superinduced by ill-treatment. Yet these two gentlemen were loving

and respected neighbors. So, to while away a dragging hour they sat down to play poker. The limit was five cents; simple minded children of nature, they did not make the limit too high. They played merely for amusement; the money in the game affected them not. So they began. After an hour or so, when Maj. Oxheart had about eight cents of Col. Flint's money (they had not then their final military titles) it was the major's turn to bet He bet the limit; and the captain saw him and raised the limit. Two or three breathless minutes passed during which each in turn saw his friend's raise, and raised it. There must have been \$1.58 on the board.

The major evidently took in ill part the pertinacity of his friend. "Yeh betteh drop out, George,"

said. "I've got yeh kilt." "I won't dropout yet awhile, seh," answered Flint. "It'll take moh'n yeh have to kill me."

"Don't yeh reply to me in tha' tone o' voice, seh!" cried the major, angrily. "I'm wohnin' yeh fo' you' health, seh!

"I thank you, seh," answered Flint sarcastically; "I'm suht'nly everlastingly obligated to yeh, seh; but I can stay you' hand out."

The major swore a great oath that he could and would beat the captain's at each other across the table. They stood like that for so long that the hotel keeper, aroused at the unwonted quiet, entered the room to see what was the matter. He called help; the two friends, who had become almost cataleptic, were taken apart, and trouble was averted for the time. But Capt. Flint bade the tavern keeper to sea his hand of cards in a package, and saw it done before he left the hotel. Maj. Oxheart saw his hand sealed in a

A few days later the two friends met again, and after some talk returned to the game. The hands, still sealed up, were produced by the hotel keeper, and the game began where it foods.-Chicago Tribune. hadleft off. Disagreement again broke up the game, and again the boniface. Col. Carter, took charge of the hands, sealing them in second envelopes. So for five years the game went on, never finished, and at each separation Col. Carter sealed the hands in additional envelopes.

contest, but not for long. Again and egain, as chance permitted, Col. Ox-heart and Lieut. Col. Flint would get the packages from Gen. Carter and begin the never ending game. When Gen. Carter fell at the head of his men on that fatal day with which every reader, etc., he had strength to turn over the packages to his adjutant. Taking them from the bosom of his not so successful as usual in hooking dress coat-he always wore full uniform in battle-he gave them to Maj. Tolliver and bade him care for them

with his life's blood. Then the gal-

lant sportsman and soldier died. When Oxheart and Flint were found dead, Col. Tolliver (he had been promoted) gave the packages to the representative of the heirs. Col. Jones Enraughty-Darby, who placed them in a safe deposit vault. Under the circumstances, it was only natural that the two heirs should be represented by one person. Col. Enraughty-Darby related the facts in the case to the two young men and left it to their consciences to lead them to do what should be done. He knew well what they would do. They went on with the game! The same rules stood; they began where their fathers had left off. The progress made was little and slow, for their altered circumstances kept them apart much of the time.

In time they married and had sons: to the eldest son each man told the story of the great game; and it is these men, grandsons of the original players, that carried on the game, Every week if they could get together they met and made ten bets. Neither faltered, though both knew that when the end should come one of them would be ruined for life. But still they played on.

After the stenographer had gone they sat down idly at the table and called for refreshments. They were still discussing the market, for they were partners, one living in this city, the other in Chicago, when a cry of fire rang through the hotel. They escaped with their lives, not remember ing until too late that on the table lay the record book in which were put down every bet that they, their fathers and their grandfathers had made on the long-dealt hands. Their first feeling was one of dismay. Then, simultaneosly, over each man's face came a look of relief, of joy.

"Hurrah!" they shouted together,



GLARED ANGRILY AT EACH OTHER each other's necks and wept. The records destroyed, how could they continue the game?

Carter, esquires, of Richmond, who soon | derive from them. these two gentlemen. But cross them at the reading of a will, the packages

"This was my grandfather's," said Oxheart, with a quiver in his voice. "My grandfather held this," said

in silence. It was almost like unrolling a mummy to take off one by one the many envelopes in which these hands were wrapped. At last Mr. Enraughty stopped and read from the envelope unopened in his hand:

"I do not know which of these hands belonged to which of those fools, so a have marked this one for Flint, and the other for Oxheart. Dorsey Carter," and then followed the date, that of the second meeting of . the original players. The two grandsons looked at each other silently. then they both said: "Go on."

found a similar note.
"Gentlemen," he said, "shall I open the last envelopes?" "No," said both Flint III. and Ox-

In the other package Mr. Enraughty

heart III. together. The lawyer held the two envelopes in the fire until they were destroyed. "Now," said he, "can we get decent

whisky in this benighted town?"-N. Y. Sun.

Mr. Nipp-Is there any truth in the rumor that your affections are engaged? Miss Flypp-None whatever. I am, though.-Chicago Evening News.

Worse Than Useless. There seems to be as little excuse for some people as there is for weeds and bugs; and they are as hard to

get rid of .- Atchison Globe. Gray's Elegy. "I understand," remarked the unscrupulous poet, "that you were pleased

to say I used a great deal of gray matter in composing my elegiac poem on 'The Rustic Graveyard?' " "Not exactly," replied the editor. "1 said you used a great deal of Gray's matter."-Philadelphia Press.

The Irony of Fate. Lounder-Jerry, who is that driedup, consumptive little fellow who requires so much attention and seems to have so much money to spend? Athletic Attendant (at sanitarium)

-Don't talk so loud. He'll hear ye He's a rich mannyfacturer of health Not a Musician. Mrs. Johnsing-Can't stay long,

Mrs. Snew; I just come to see ef yo' wouldn't join de mission band. Mrs. Snow-Fo' de lan' sakes, honey, doan come to me, I can't even play on a mouf-organ.-Woman's The war interrupted the friendly Journal

An Aftermath of Outing.

Mr. Newlliwed-You remember, darling, do you not, the delightful fishing we had last summer, at Lake George? Mrs. Newlliwed-It was there, Regi hald, that you first told me of your love, dearest.

Mr. Newlliwed-True, sweetheart we were trolling for pickerel. We were

Mrs. Newlliwed - No, heartsown. But we caught on, just the same. Mr. Newlliwed-Do you remember,

Winifred, the kind of tackle we used angel? Mrs. Newlliwed-Perfectly. Spoon

hooks."-Town Topies.

Wouldn't Worry Him.

ahe wise citizen,"but I think it is foolsh for a man who is ordinarily suchours: 'ron 9 1. N. 10 5 '. M. cessful in any other line. You know they say polities makes strange bed fellows.

"Oh, that won't worry me in the least," returned the ambitious man promptly. "Why, I was a commercial traveler with a route that took in small towns in the west for seven years."-Chicago Post.

He had something to tell her, and, lest should miss,
In a delicate way it was done;

This precious heart secret was told So the kiss and the secret were one.

But she gave it right back, though she wanted it so,
And the fervent impression was deep;
And, with face pressing closer, she whispered quite low: "O, Alonzo, it's too good to keep!"
-Brooklyn Life,

> Imaginary Longevity. That if married you'll live longer Than if single may be true; The belief grows strong and stronger It will longer seem to you. -Judge.

The Only Way Clear. They had eloped and things had not

panned out right. "We haven't any money, and I want to go back to papa," sobbed the heroine of the adventure. "Bring me the wings, then!" he

cried. "The wings?" she asked, fearing for his reason.

"Yes; the wings of love!" he an swered. "They must have been all we came on. I expect you'll find them in that grip!"-Indianapolis Sun.

The Army in India.

In India the military programme for the year includes the rearmament of the native army and volunteers with the magazine rifle, rearmament of mounted batteries and the reorganization of horse, field and mountain batteries. Military factories are to be improved and apparatus provided for the making of lyddite. Experiments will be made with war balloons, and the ambulance and hospital services will be improved .- Baltimore American.

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as mercury will surely destroy th sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the musons surfaces. Such articles -hould never be used except on prescriptions from reputab e physi George Flint telegraphed at once to ciane, as she damage they will do i Tolliver Enraughty, of Enraughty & ten fold to the good you can possibly Hall's Catarri friendly game of cut-throat poker.

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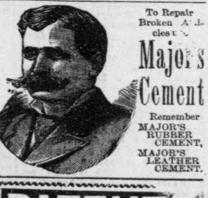
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6:48. P. M., Daily Arrives Petersburg 7:21
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6:55 P. M., Daily, From Norfolk, __unfolk and Petersburg.
7:25 P. M., Daily. From Miami, Port Tampa, Jacksonville, __avannah, Charlesten, Wilmington, Goldsboro' and all points outh.
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